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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

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CEQA Lead Agency: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9 (San Diego)

Project Title: Chollas Creek Metals Site Specific Water Effect Ratio (WER)

CEQA Document Type: Certified Regulatory Program Document

State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number: 2019100661

Project Location: San Diego County, CA

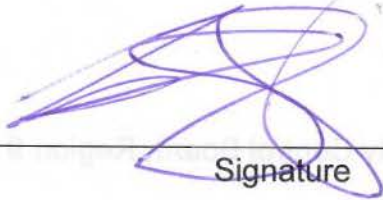
Brief Project Description: The project is an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan), including Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for dissolved copper and dissolved zinc in Chollas Creek. The project/amendment consists of 1) an update to clarify the application of water effect ratios (WERs) in the California Toxics Rule (CTR) for developing site-specific water quality objectives (WQOs) (Chapter 3), 2) an update to apply site-specific WERs to dissolved copper and dissolved zinc in Chollas Creek during wet weather (Chapter 3), and 3) an update to revise WER values and associated water quality criteria calculations (Chapter 7). This project/amendment takes the site-specific conditions/WER into account to achieve the intended level of ecosystem protection without being overly conservative.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at the time of filing the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (i.e., State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

Approved
by:



Signature

Date:

12/4/2019

Eric Weiss, Senior Environmental
Scientist (Supervisor)

Name, Title

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